

and reconstruction and rebuilding to provide jobs and also to improve our capital stock. I think that politically we elected officials have an easier time appropriating dollars to improve physical plant and capital stock than virtually anything else. But when we talk about providing solid educational structures and good financial support for our young people, we are not talking about improving physical capital stock, but rather we are talking about improving our human and intellectual stock, and in an economy such as ours which is greatly dependent on our alertness, our mental capabilities, our understanding of knowledge, our technical proficiencies, one of the finest and highest places where we can make our investments is in our human resources. I have a son who is in college. He is a second year student. My son would not benefit from this legislation because he is not attending a Nebraska institution. My son's college costs are \$12,000 annually. My son has to work. He washes dishes in a restaurant. My son also has some financial assistance that is coming to him courtesy of many alumni who over the years have dedicated monies to an endowment program, and, of course, my wife and I provide a considerable amount of financial help for my son. We are fortunate that we are able to scrape together from our own resources, from the scholarship program that is available and from his job at school and also his summer work enough money to get him through. We are fortunate that we can do that. But there are a lot of people in society who are not as fortunate as Loretta and I are in being able to do those kind of things. As a result, their young people simply do not have the opportunities to fully develop intellectually and mentally and to provide us as a society with the fullest degree of the talents that God gave them. It is up to you and me as legislators to make those resources available so that our families of modest income, modest means, can take their children and give to their children the best that our society has to offer. That is an investment, because we know that those children when well educated, when well taught, when given the opportunities, will return our small investments tenfold if not a hundredfold. You and I cannot afford to live in a society of people who are poorly educated, people who are poorly educated because their families did not have the wherewithal to carry them through, and so you and I as legislators need to support and fund legislation to enhance our human capital because in the last analysis it is our human capital that will continue to make this nation a beacon to the world and a powerful country. I ask you to defeat Senator Warner's kill motion.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 126, and the Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.